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## News Highlights, May 17-24

*Wall Street Journal Market Watch*

### **Norfolk Southern Heritage locomotives to gather in N.C for July 4 'family portrait'**

Norfolk Southern's Heritage locomotives will gather for a "family portrait" at the North Carolina Transportation Museum (NCTM) in Spencer, N.C., during the Fourth of July week. All 20 locomotives painted in the color schemes of predecessor railroads will be on display July 3 and 4. "This is the first and probably only chance we'll have to get all these locomotives together in one place at one time," said Norfolk Southern CEO Wick Moorman. "We're proud of the role railroads play in keeping the country's economy strong, and July 4 is an opportune time to showcase that heritage of service and safety." Read more [here](#).

*Wilmington Star-News*

### **Efficiency legislation may backfire on battleship**

A proposal to cut six members from the commission that runs the Battleship North Carolina could hurt the attraction's ability to raise money for ship repairs and special programs, the battleship's executive director said. It also wouldn't serve the intended purpose of saving state money since the battleship doesn't get any, Capt. Terry Bragg said. Legislation filed in the state Senate this week would reduce the USS North Carolina Battleship Commission from 18 commissioners to 12. Read more [here](#).

*Charlotte Observer*

### **N.C. Transportation Museum chronicles state's wheels, tracks and wings history.**

Rail ridership is up in North Carolina and interest in railroads never abated. June 2-3, the N.C. Transportation Museum stages its annual Rail Days Festival honoring the glory days of passenger trains. The state-owned N.C. Transportation Museum occupies the grounds of what was the Southern Railway Co.'s largest steam locomotive repair shop. In the first half of the 20th century, this was where many engines and cars in its 12-state railway empire came for maintenance, repair and refurbishing. Read more [here](#).

*WRAL "Go Ask Mom" Blog*

### **Artspllosure's Impressionist Garden brings art to life**

Artspllosure opens its Impressionist Garden to the public Friday morning. But my kids and I got a peek at this art installation on Fayetteville Street's City Plaza on a rainy, Thursday afternoon. My seven-year-old's initial impression: "This is cool!" My two-year-old's reaction: To kiss the face of a bronze statue of a little girl because it was so life like. Read more [here](#).

### *The Pilot*

#### **Museum Celebrates Armed Forces Day**

Celebrate and remember our nation's veterans and heroes on Armed Forces Day with a visit to the Museum of the Cape Fear's annual living history event, "Military Through the Ages: A March Through History" on Saturday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This free event will showcase re-enactors representing several different military eras in American history including, Revolutionary War, War of 1812, American Civil War, Spanish-American War, World War II, and Vietnam. Read more [here](#).

### *USA Today Travel Tips*

#### **North Carolina Gold-Panning Sites**

North Carolina was the site of the first gold rush in the United States and remained the most significant producer until the California gold rush. In 1799, the son of farmer John Reed found a 17-pound gold nugget in Cabarrus County. Panning produced the majority of gold until the middle of the next century. Although huge strikes are unlikely, panning continues as a pastime for North Carolinians and visitors suffering from gold fever. Read more [here](#).

### *Independent Weekly*

#### **Daylight's "Photographs Not Taken" helps kick off their new Hillsborough space**

It's a bit like a Zen koan. "Photographs Not Taken: A Collection of Photographers' Essays" is a book about the presence of absence. Not all of the 62 short essays are expressed so lyrically, but philosophical issues around an image-maker's responsibility to his or her subject accumulate throughout the book. Read more [here](#).

### *The Daily Reflector*

#### **Bath celebrates 300 years**

Take a step into the past as Bath celebrates 300 years of history. The seventh annual Bath Fest will be held from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Bonner's Point on Saturday. Historic Bath was founded in the 1690s and became North Carolina's first town in 1705. It interprets the colonial period, experienced the Tuscarora Indian War and the pirate Blackbeard, and was home to the General Assembly. It exhibits three centuries of the town's history. Read more [here](#).

### *Cherokee One Feather*

#### **Cherokee Voices Festival scheduled for June 9**

The annual Cherokee Voices Festival will be held on Saturday, June 9 from 10am – 5pm at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. The event, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the North Carolina Arts Council and the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Read more [here](#).

### *News 14 Carolina*

#### **Author tells his father's historic and heroic tale aboard USS North Carolina**

There are many stories of heroics on the Battleship North Carolina that are still waiting to be told. Author David Seagraves has written a biography of his father, John Seagraves, who was part of the ship's only black .20-millimeter deck gun crew. See the video [here](#).

*Jacksonville Daily News*

### **Justice takes audience on historical journey**

A state Supreme Court justice took a local audience on an historical journey recently that focused on the state Constitution. "Return with us now to those thrilling days of yesteryear," North Carolina Supreme Court Justice Paul Newby told the audience gathered at the old Courthouse Wednesday evening. Newby, of Raleigh, was invited to speak by District Court Judge Charles Henry and the Onslow County Bar Association as part of the educational series celebrating the 225th anniversary of the Constitutional Convention. Read more [here](#).

*"Elizabeth City H.A.S. It" Blog*

### **Monday, Monday**

Many people don't realize that although the Museum of the Albemarle is closed to the public on Monday, the staff is always hard at work behind the scenes, so to speak, preparing new exhibits, cleaning the building and getting caught up on paperwork and such. One big project that is currently being handled is of enormous proportions. The Museum was recently given a painted canvas that hung in a Hertford movie theatre (circa 1930s) and it is HUGE! We had to open it on our lobby floor to view the entire canvas. Read more [here](#).

*Fox Carolina*

### **Staycations offer more options for less money**

If Merriam-Webster is the standard on whether a word jumps from slang to acceptable speech, "staycation" passes with flying colors. Joining other pop culture terms like "frenemy" and "flash mob," the staycation is now embedded in both the pages of the world's most respected dictionary and the lexicon of countless travelers looking for a getaway on the cheap. But what, exactly, is a staycation? And why has it become so popular in recent years? The simple answer: money. Read more [here](#).

*Go Dan River.com*

### **Eden to celebrate a mill legend**

A tradition of old-time music is being celebrated with the Charlie Poole Festival, which is coming back June 8-9 for another year of concerts, competition and workshops. After 17 years, it could be hard to keep the event new and exciting, but Organizer Louise Price said there are plenty of possibilities out there for the festival. "Our Lifetime Achievement Award is going to Alice Gerrard, who is a trailblazer female presence in the old-time music world," Price said. Read more [here](#).